

DUTIES, PLACING THESE ORGANS IN A STATE OF INACTIVITY AND SOME CADRE ARE CLAIMED TO HAVE DEFECTED TO THE ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS. THE UR, WORRIED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE PDPA, IS SENDING YOUNG PARTY CADRE TO UR FOR IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING TO PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE FACTIONAL DISPUTES GOING ON WITHIN THE PARTY (INFORMATION TAKEN FROM 29 DEC 83 ISSUE OF FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW). MOREOVER, CHAIRMAN KARMAL RECENTLY DISMISSED THREE HIGH RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS TO INTENSIFY ACTIONS AGAINST THE ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS UNDER THE PRETEXT OF MAINTAINING DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES. HE ALSO MADE CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION LIKE PROMOTING LIEUTENANT GENERAL ((HAZARI)), WHO BELONGS TO THE RIVAL KHALQ FACTION, TO THE RANK OF GENERAL, APPOINTING MAJOR GENERAL MOHAMMAD HABI ((AZIMI)) AS DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND APPOINTING GHULAM QADER ((MIKHEL)) AS OPERATIONS OFFICER (INFORMATION TAKEN FROM 25 JAN 84 ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE). SUCH ACTIONS AS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE PERCEIVED AS HAVING BEEN INITIATED BY UR, WHICH IS AIMING TO SETTLE THE INTRAPARTY CONFRONTATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF BT

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TEXT:

1. (C) PRESENT SITUATION IN AF - FIVE YEARS SINCE INVASION BY SOVIET FORCES

A. (C) MORE THAN FOUR YEARS HAVE LAPSED SINCE SOVIET FORCES INVADED AF ON 27 DEC 79. HOWEVER, THE FIGHTING BETWEEN SOVIET/AF GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS IS AT A STALEMATE. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF AN END, DESPITE A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN SOVIET FORCES AND SOME OF THE GUERRILLA FORCES AND ALSO MEDIATION CONDUCTED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS BY AF AND PAKISTAN.

B. (C) THE FOLLOWING TEXT GIVES AN OUTLINE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AF WHICH INDICATES NO SIGN OF SETTLEMENT IN THE FIGHTING:

(1) (C) INTERNAL STATE OF THE PDPA: THE PDPA WAS FORMED IN 1965 AND IN 1968 THE PARTY SPLIT INTO THE PARCHAM (FLAG) FACTION AND THE KHALQ (PEOPLE'S) FACTION. THEY SPLIT BECAUSE OF TRIBAL DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS INVOLVING WHAT COURSE TO FOLLOW, THAT IS, SHOULD MARXISM-LENINISM BE ADOPTED AS THE PARTY'S DOCTRINE. SINCE THEN, BITTER CONFRONTATIONS HAVE REPEATEDLY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THESE TWO FACTIONS DESPITE SOVIET MEDIATION. THE PARCHAM FACTION IS THE LEADING FACTION WITHIN THE PDPA AND THE LEADER OF THE FACTION IS BABRAI ((KARMAL)), WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTY CADRE BELONGING TO THE KHALQ FACTION HAVE DESERTED THEIR PARTY, POLICE AND MILITARY

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(2) (C) SPHERES OF CONTROL OF SOVIET/AF GOVERNMENT FORCES:

THE UR HAS CONTRIBUTED ABOUT 100,000 TROOPS TO THE FIGHTING AGAINST THE ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLA FORCES. AND THESE TROOPS ARE ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE AF GOVERNMENT TROOPS. SAID TO NUMBER ABOUT 30,000. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET/AF GOVERNMENT FORCES MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER ONLY THE MAJOR CITIES OF AF (LIKE KABUL, KANDAHAR AND HERAT) AND THE MAIN ROADS DUE TO THE STRONG RESISTANCE OF THE GUERRILLAS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS ARE SAID TO CONTROL THE GREATER PART OF THE LEADING REGIONAL CITIES (INFORMATION TAKEN FROM 12 DEC 83 ISSUE OF US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT).

(4) (C) OUTLOOK

SINCE THE FIGHTING IN AF IS AT A STALEMATE AND NEITHER THE SOVIET/AF GOVERNMENT FORCES NOR THE ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLA UNITS ARE ABLE TO GAIN A DECISIVE VICTORY, THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO MEDIATE A SOLUTION. THE UR, PROBABLY FEELING THAT A MILITARY VICTORY IN AF WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET

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ATTAIN, HAS POSITIVELY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION BY THE UN. AS A RESULT OF THE UN RESOLUTION, TALKS WERE HELD BY UN SPECIAL ENVOY ((CORDOVEZ)) WHO MET SEPARATELY WITH THE PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ((YAOUB KHAN)) AND AF FOREIGN MINISTER ((DOST)) IN GENEVA. UP TO NOW, TALKS WERE HELD ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS -- JUN 82, APR 83 AND JUN 83. DURING THIS ROUND OF TALKS, BOTH UR/AF AND PAKISTAN AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING UN MEDIATION PROPOSALS: PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS; STOPPAGE OF THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS TO THE AFGHAN ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS FROM PAKISTAN; OPENING OF THE BORDERS BETWEEN AF, IRAN AND PAKISTAN TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF AFGHAN REFUGEES FROM THESE TWO COUNTRIES; NONINTERVENTION BY THE US, CH AND UR AND GUARANTEE OF AF'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. HOWEVER, THESE TALKS ARE DEADLOCKED DUE TO BITTER CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN UR/AF AND PAKISTAN. THE UR/AF GOVERNMENT STATES THAT NONINTERVENTION BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AF MUST FIRST BE GUARANTEED BEFORE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET TROOPS, AND PAKISTAN INSISTS THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS MUST BE THE PRIMARY CONDITION FOR A BLANKET SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE. NO CONCRETE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE FOURTH ROUND OF TALKS SCHEDULED LAST AUTUMN. THE AF ISSUE HAS THUS REMAINED UNSOLVED FOR A LONG TIME AND SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT THE AF INCURSION HAS A GREAT POSSIBILITY OF TURNING INTO ANOTHER VIETNAM WAR (INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM 29 DEC 83 ISSUE OF FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW).

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